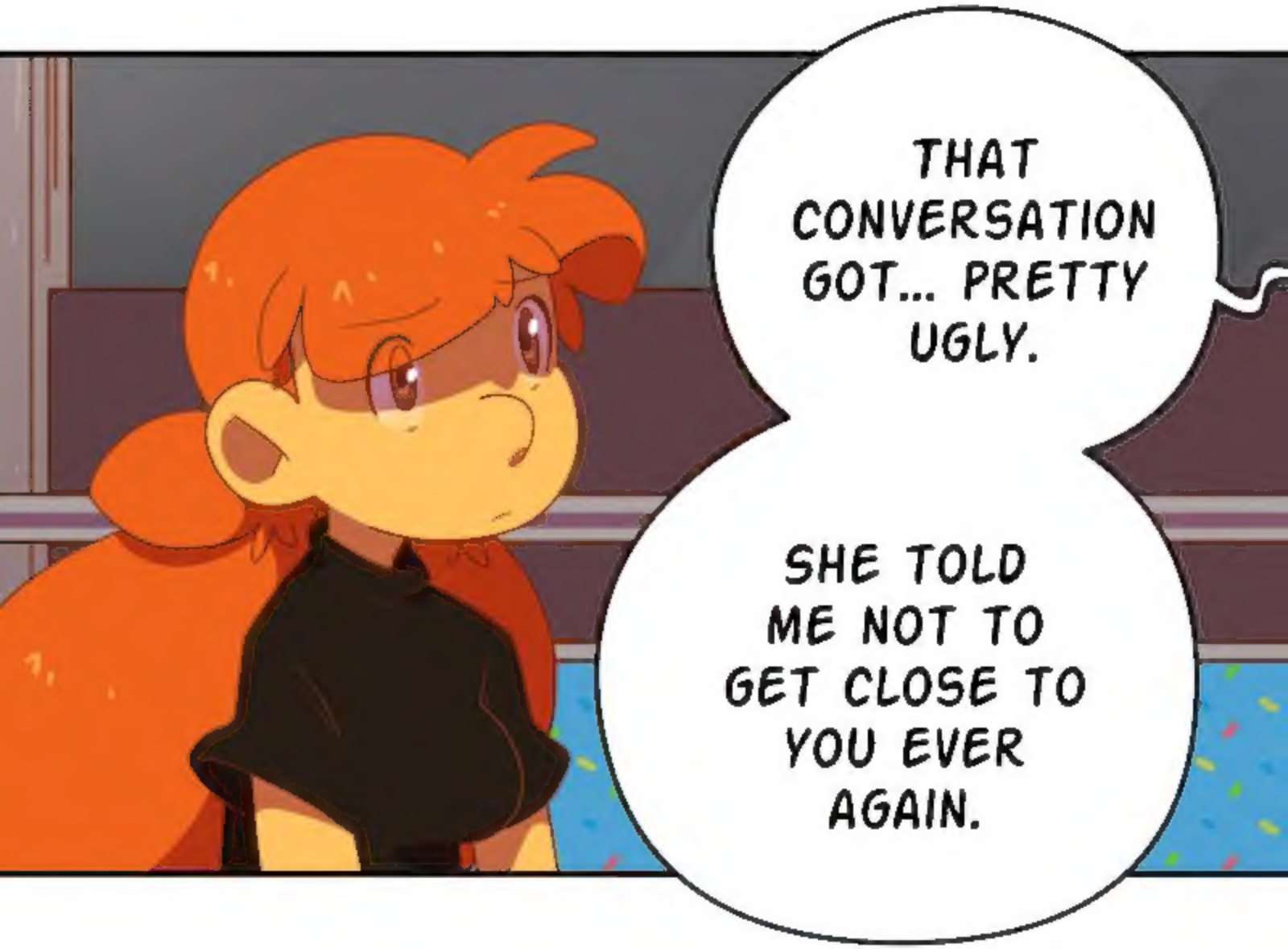
SO SOMETIME AFTER WE HAD LEFT,
MAULI ASKED ME IF I WANTED HIM TO FIND HER, SO I COULD HAVE

SOME SORT OF CLOSURE.

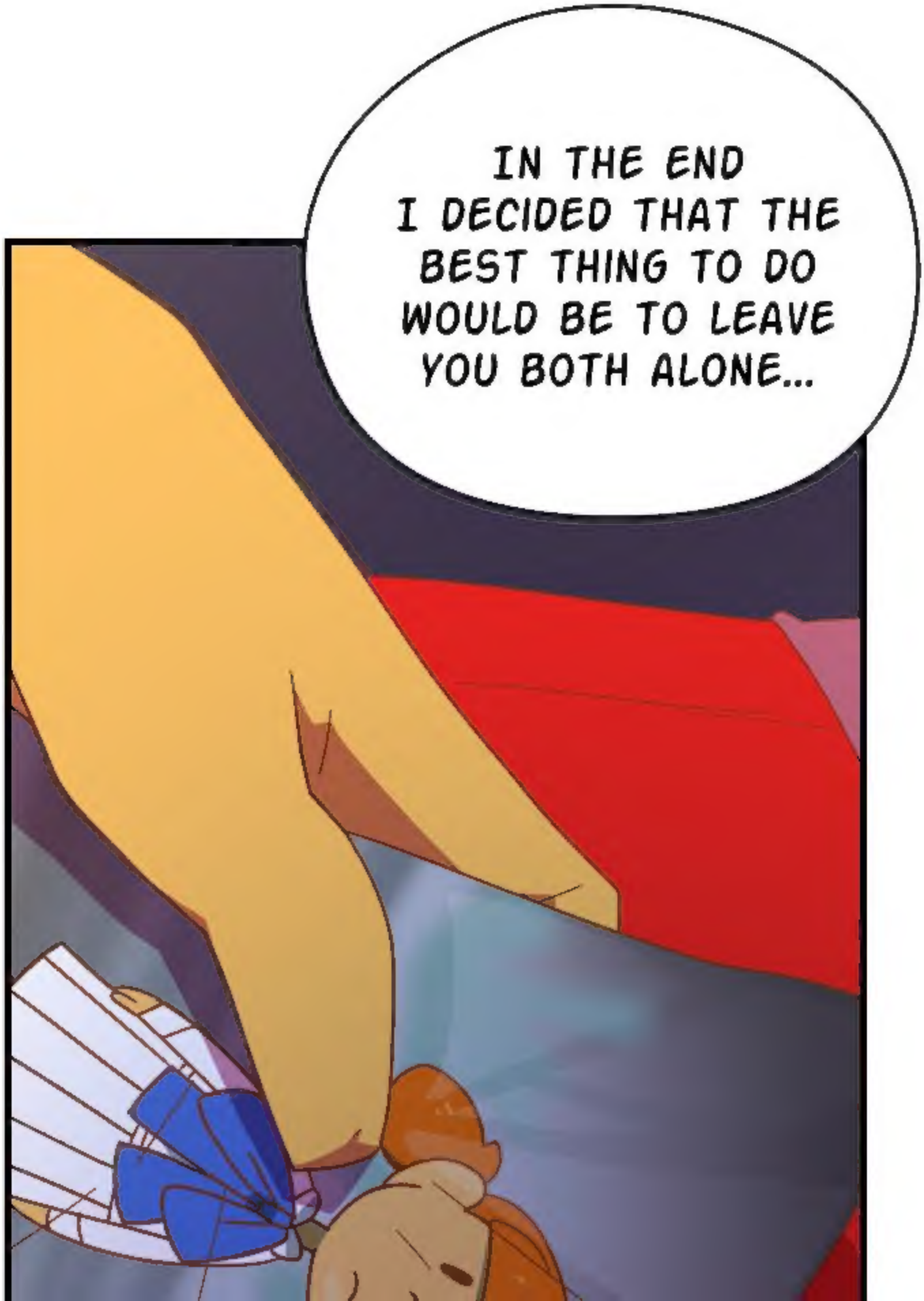
HE ALSO FOUND YOU.

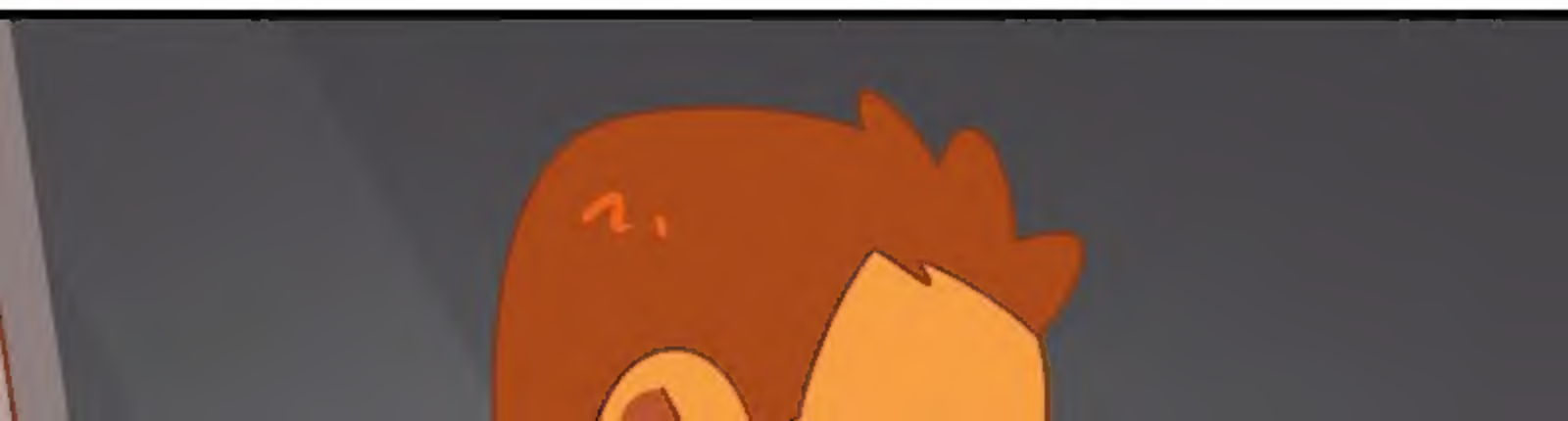
sigh...

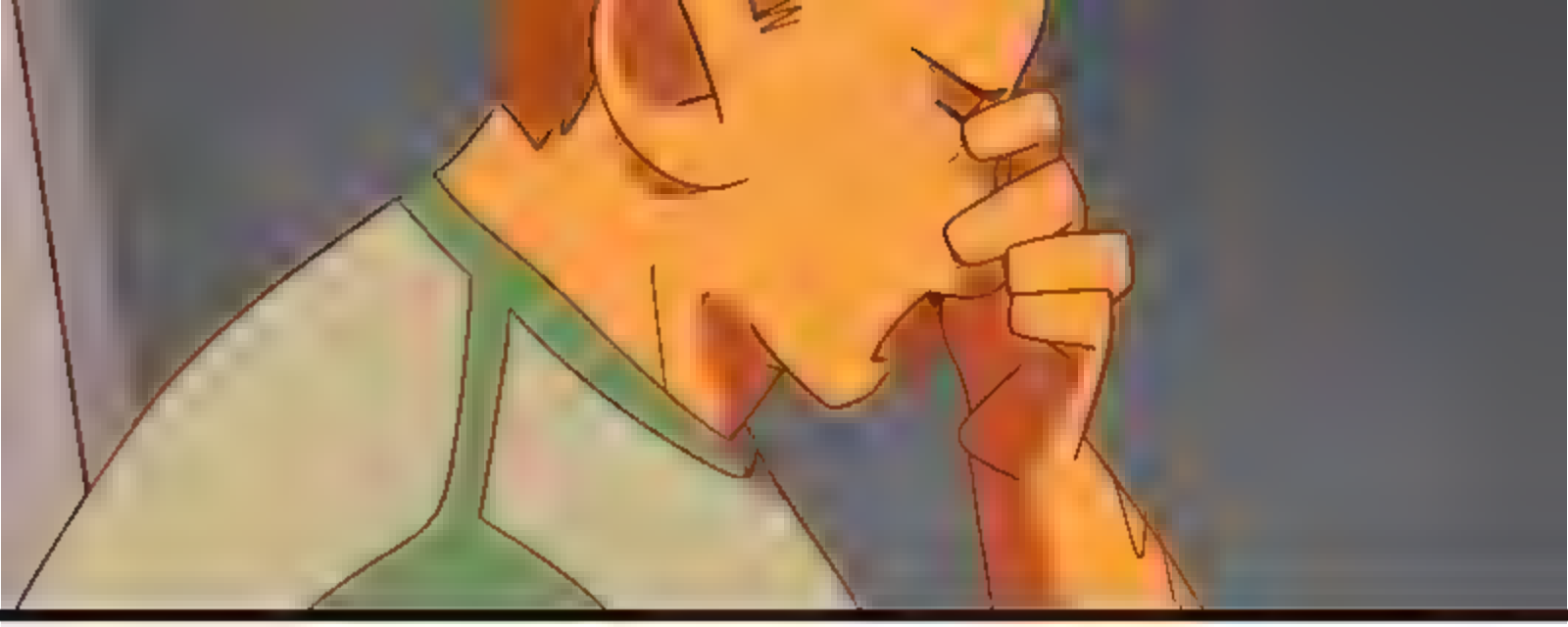
I APPROACHED YOUR MOTHER TO TALK THEN.

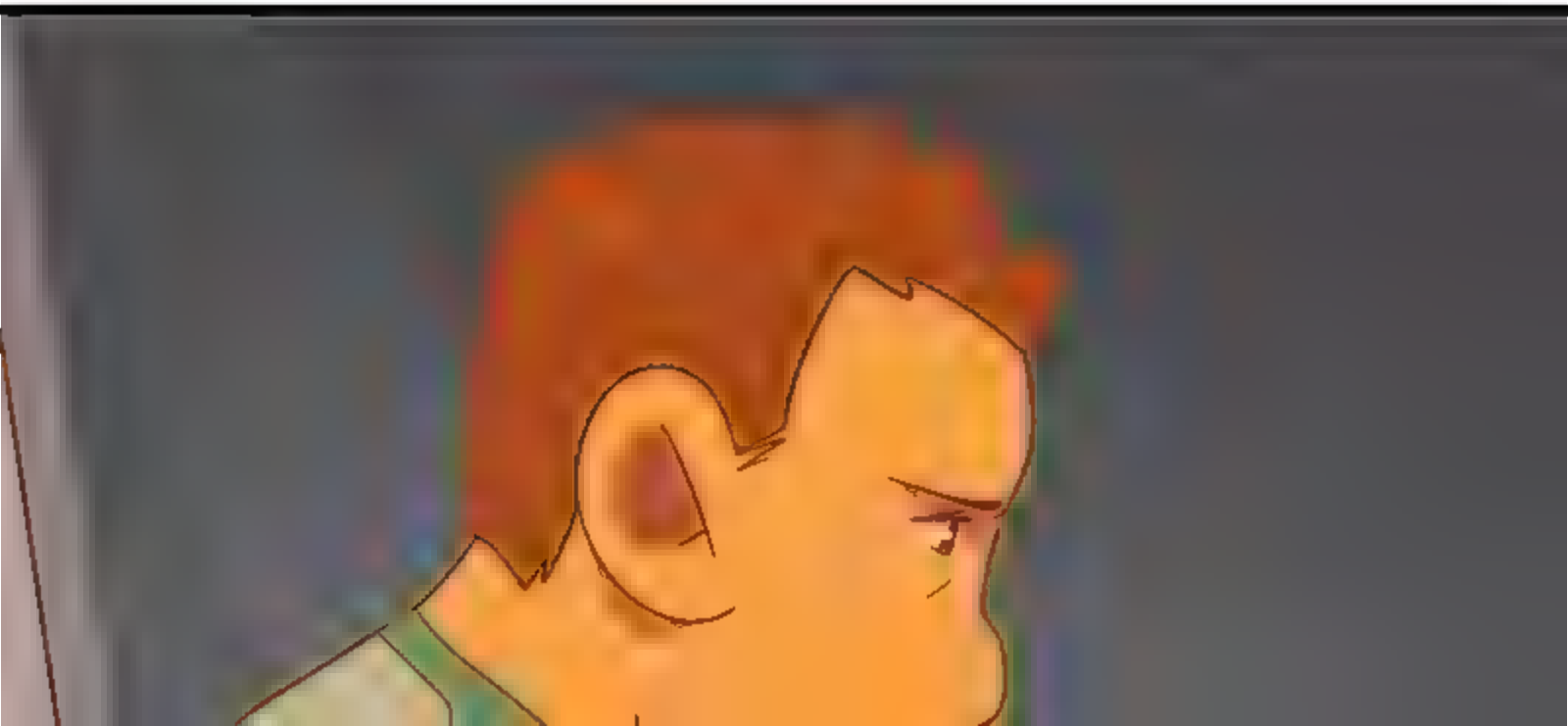

THAT CONVERSATION GOT... PRETTY UGLY.
SHE TOLD ME NOT TO GET CLOSE TO YOU EVER AGAIN.

I MEAN, IT WAS LOGIC.
I WAS A CRAZY MAN WHO TALKED ABOUT MAGIC AND OTHER WORLDS.

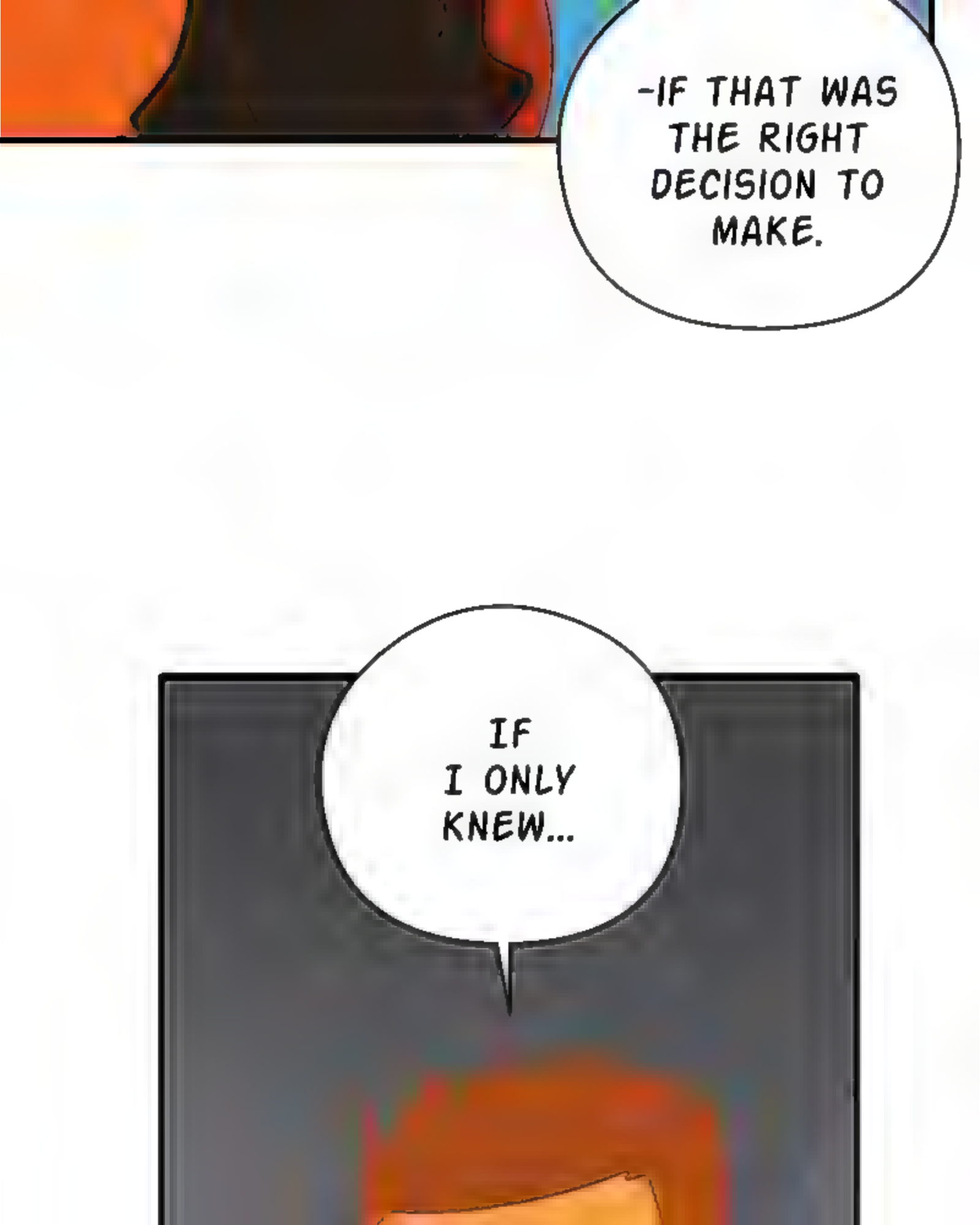

IN THE END
I DECIDED THAT THE
BEST THING TO DO
WOULD BE TO LEAVE
YOU BOTH ALONE...







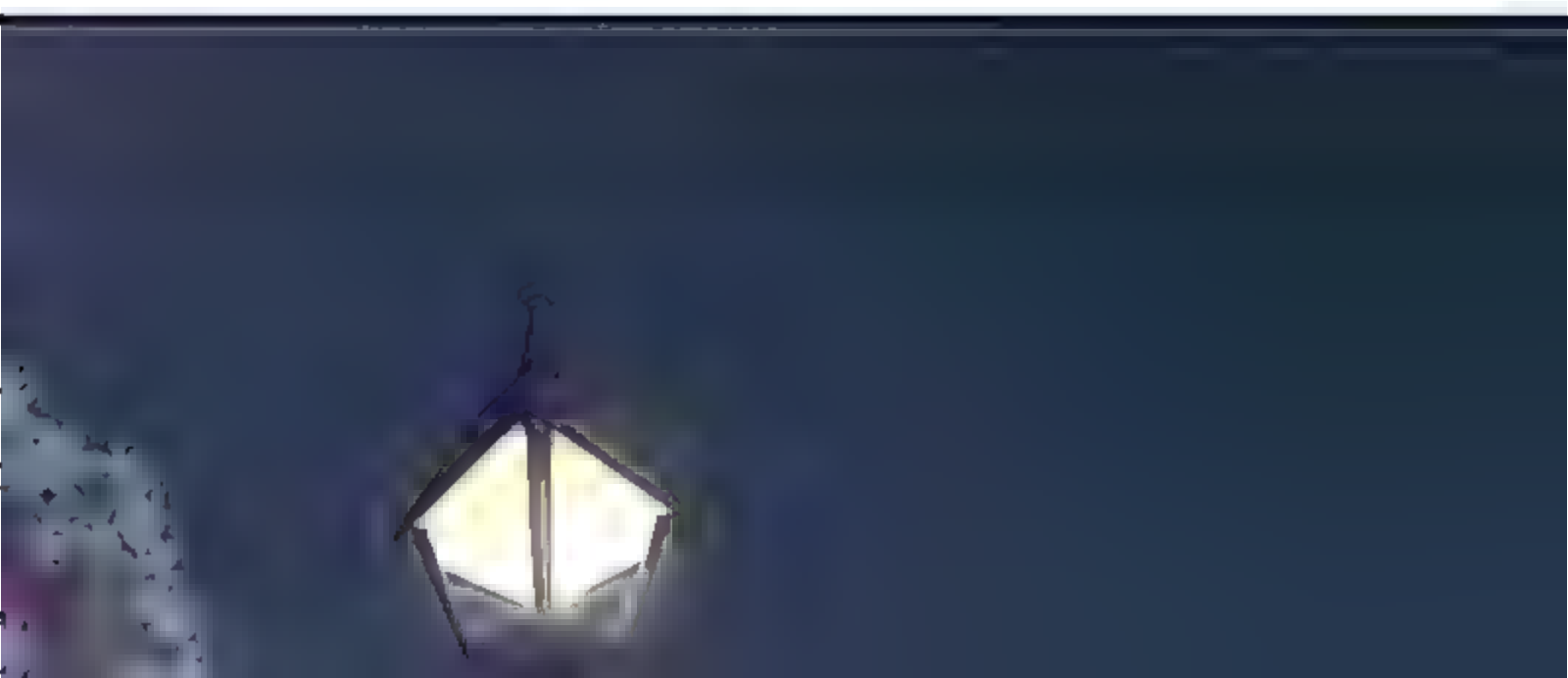
EVERY DAY I WONDER-

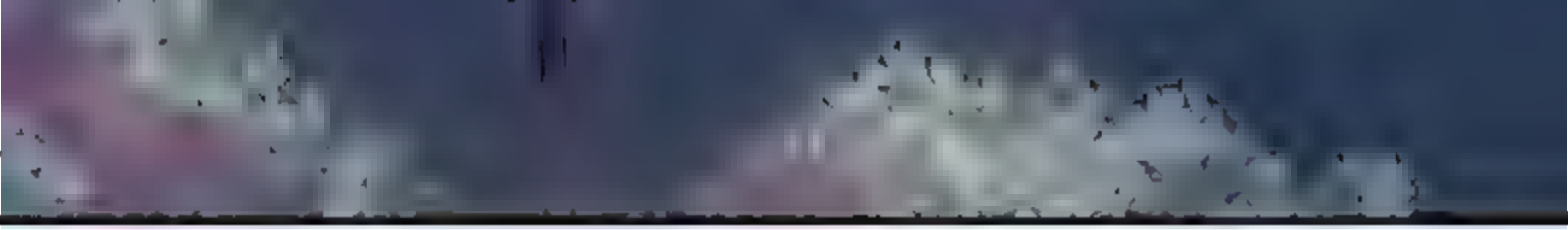

-IF THAT WAS THE RIGHT DECISION TO MAKE.
IF I ONLY KNEW...

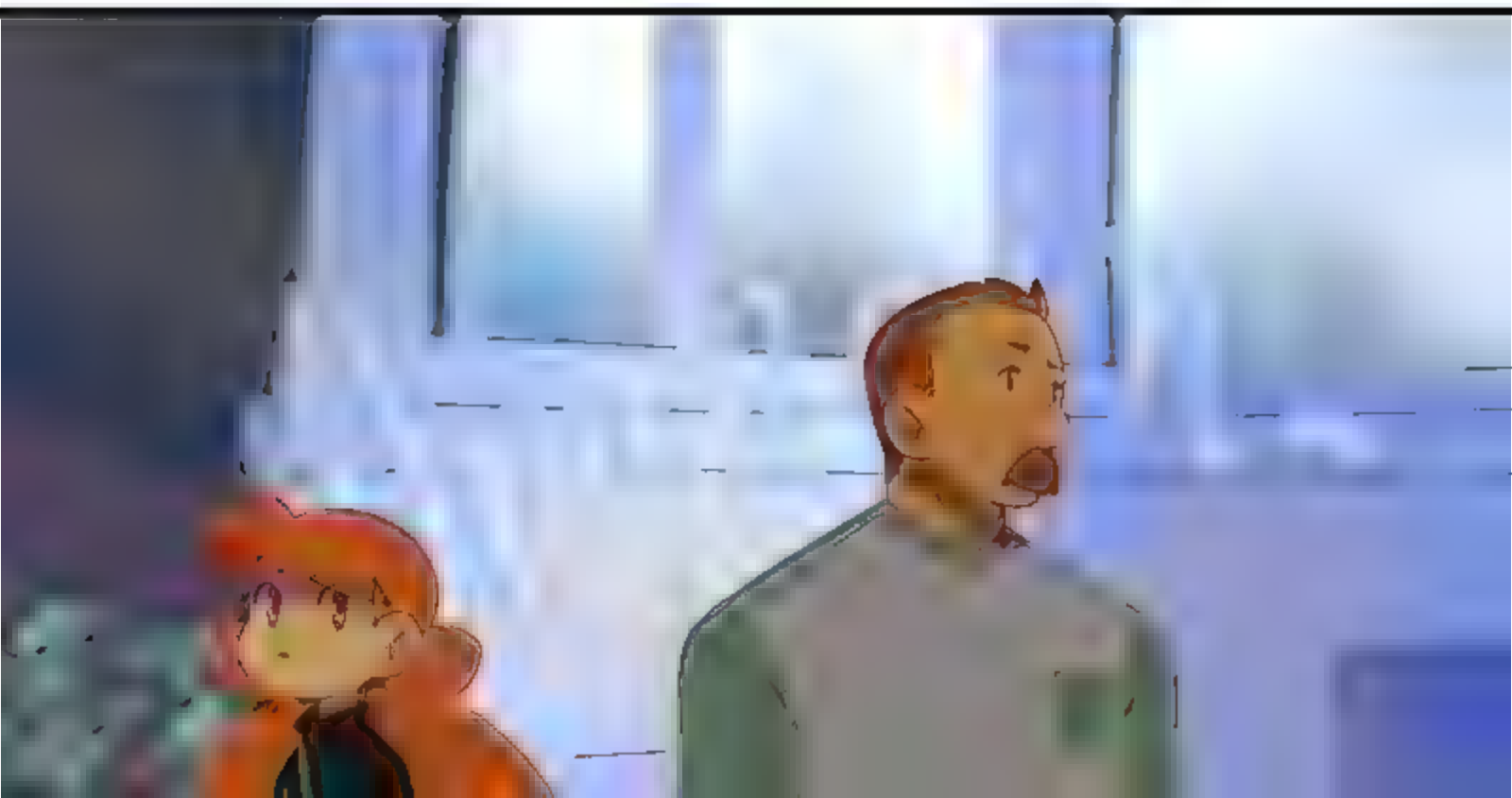
I WOULDN'T HAVE SAID ANYTHING TO HER.
I WOULD HAVE SWALLOWED

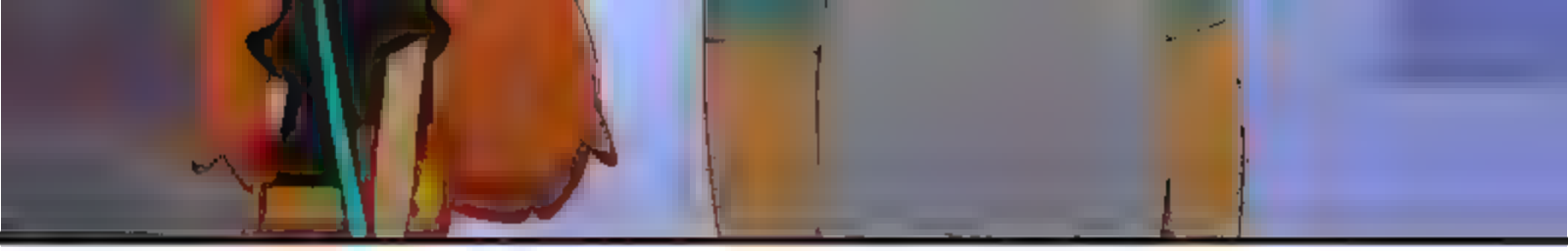
THE TRUTH.

IT'S
HERE.









I CAN HELP YOU FIND YOUR FRIEND IF YOU WANT.

BUT IF YOU WANT TO GO ALONE I UNDERSTAND.

IF YOU GET LOST YOU JUST NEED TO

ASK HOW TO GET TO GARÚA.

I'LL GIVE YOU MY ADDRESS,

BUT THE TOWN IS QUITE SMALL, YOU'LL FIND THE RESTAURANT IN NO TIME.

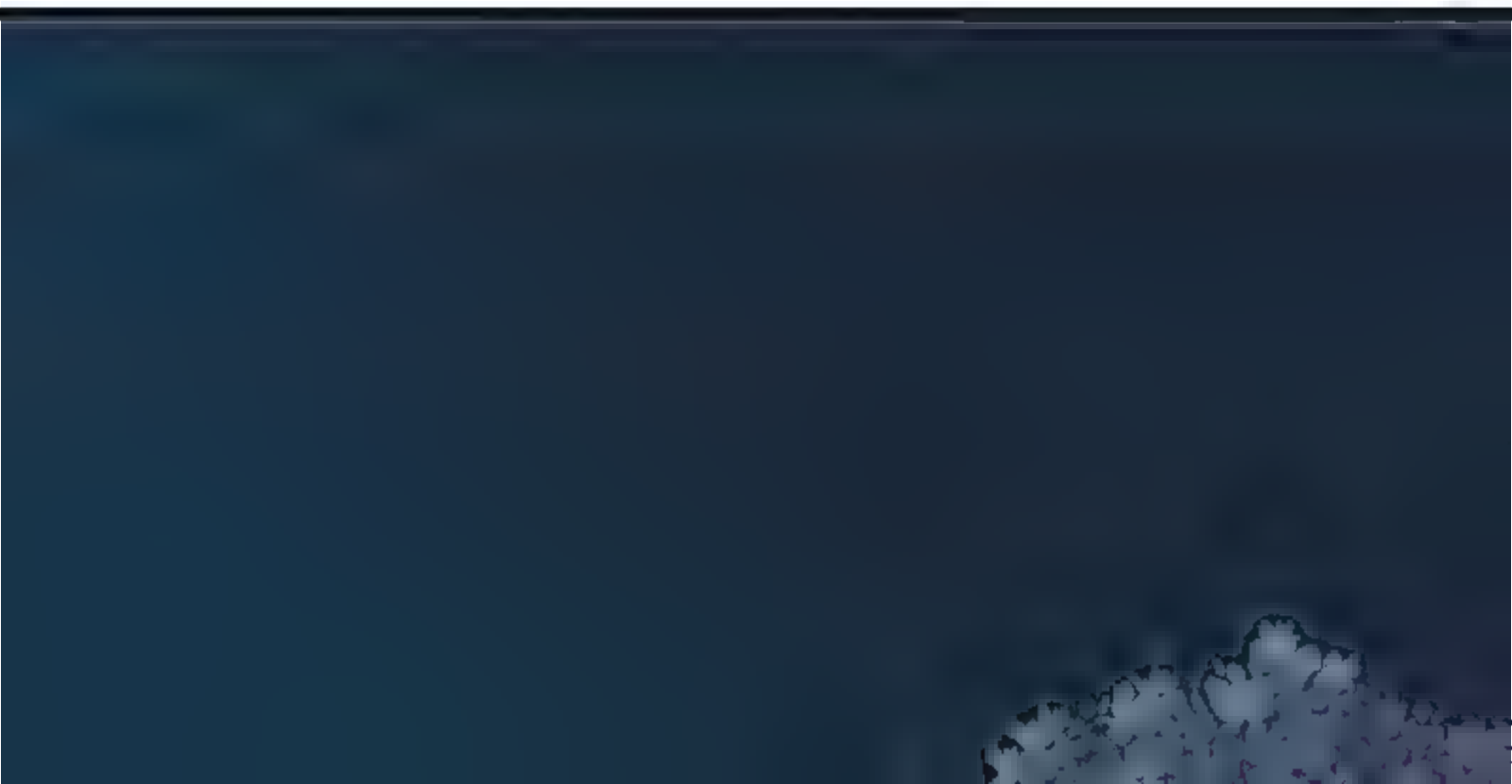
YOU'RE ALWAYS WELCOME.
EITHER IF YOU JUST NEED TO STAY FOR THE NIGHT,
OR IF

YOU WANT TO STAY FOR AS LONG AS YOU WANT, OKAY?

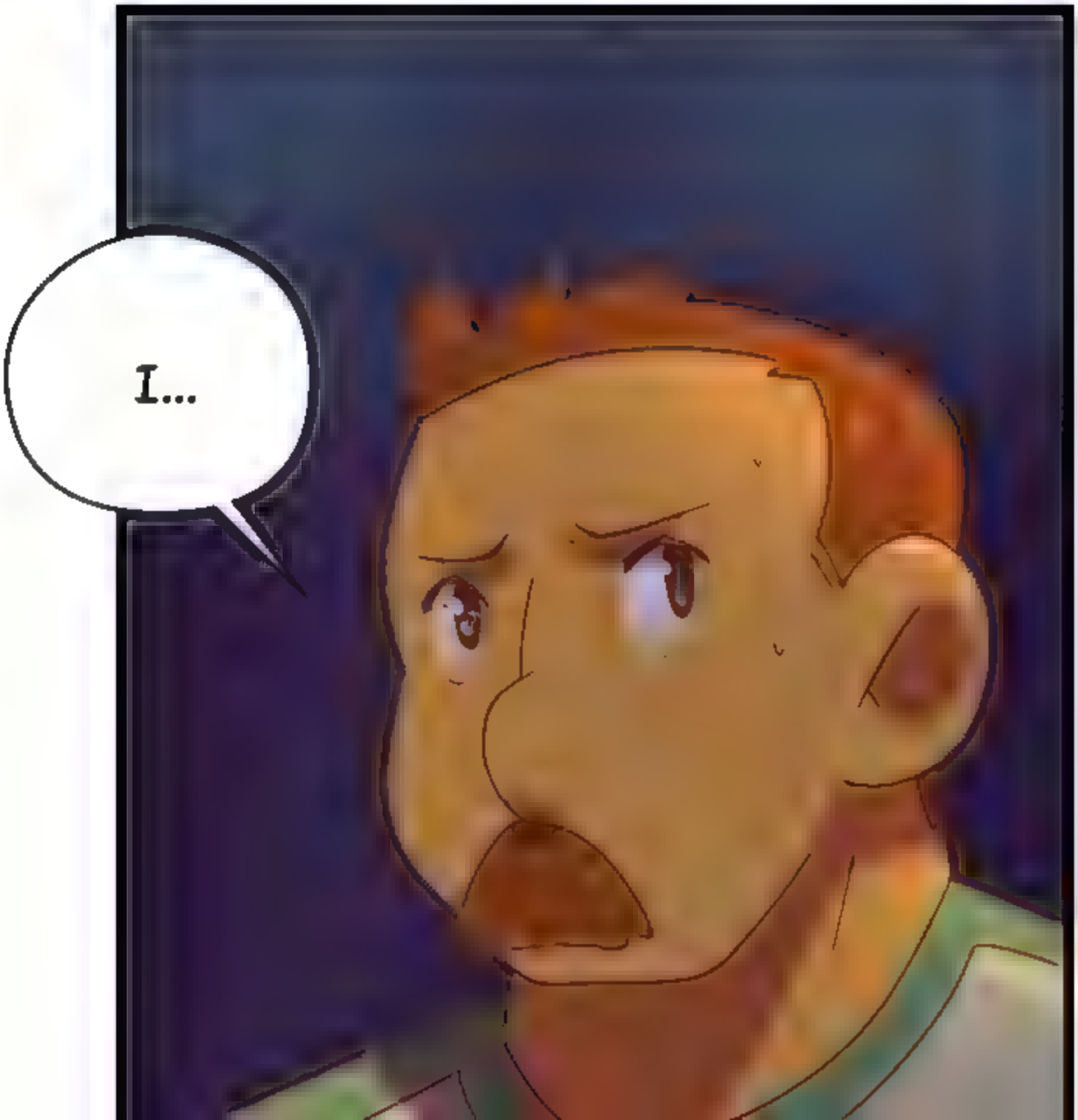
HUM... THERE'S AN INN IN THIS TOWN.
I THINK I'M GONNA STAY THERE FOR THE NIGHT AND GO LOOK FOR LINA

TOMORROW.

LET ME WALK YOU THERE.
OK.



WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME ANYTHING TODAY?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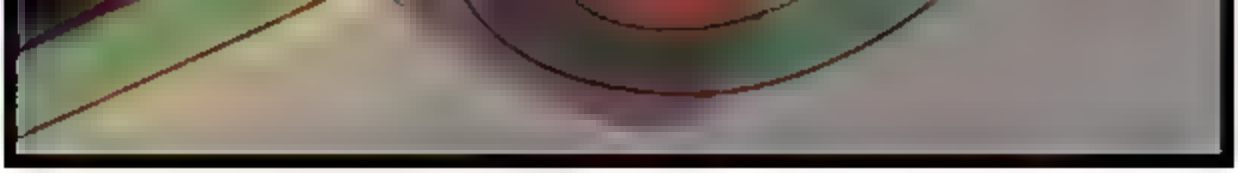
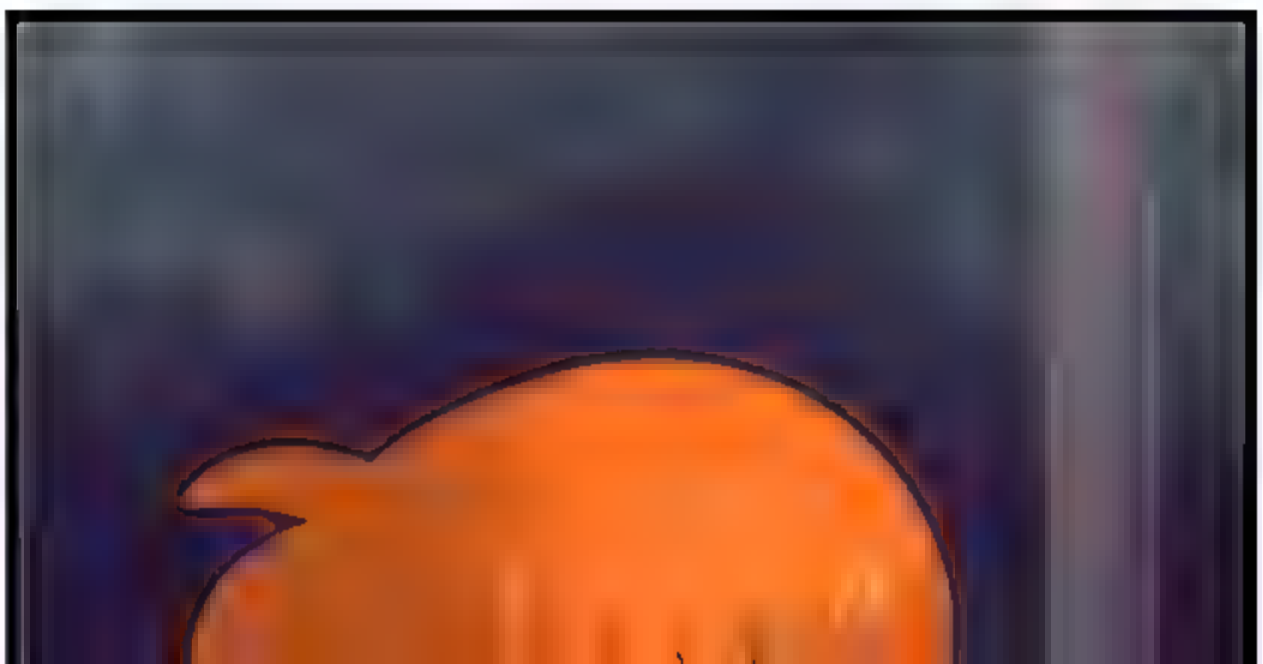


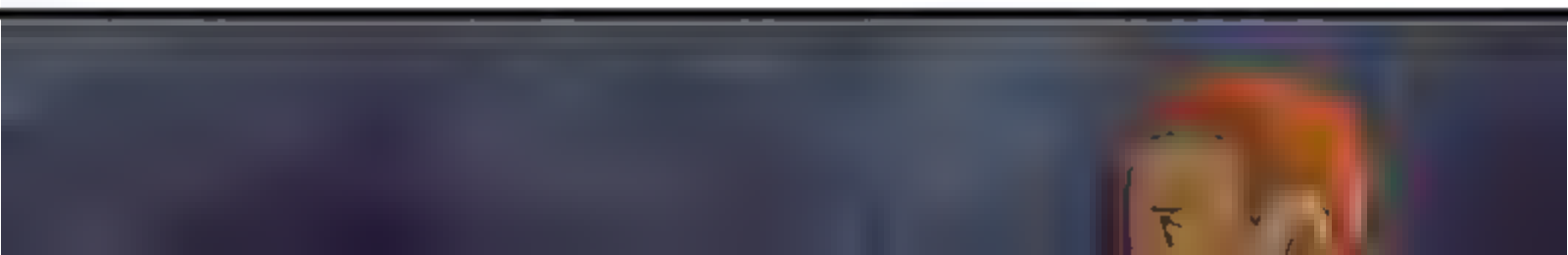
I JUST WANTED TO HELP YOU IN ANY WAY I COULD.

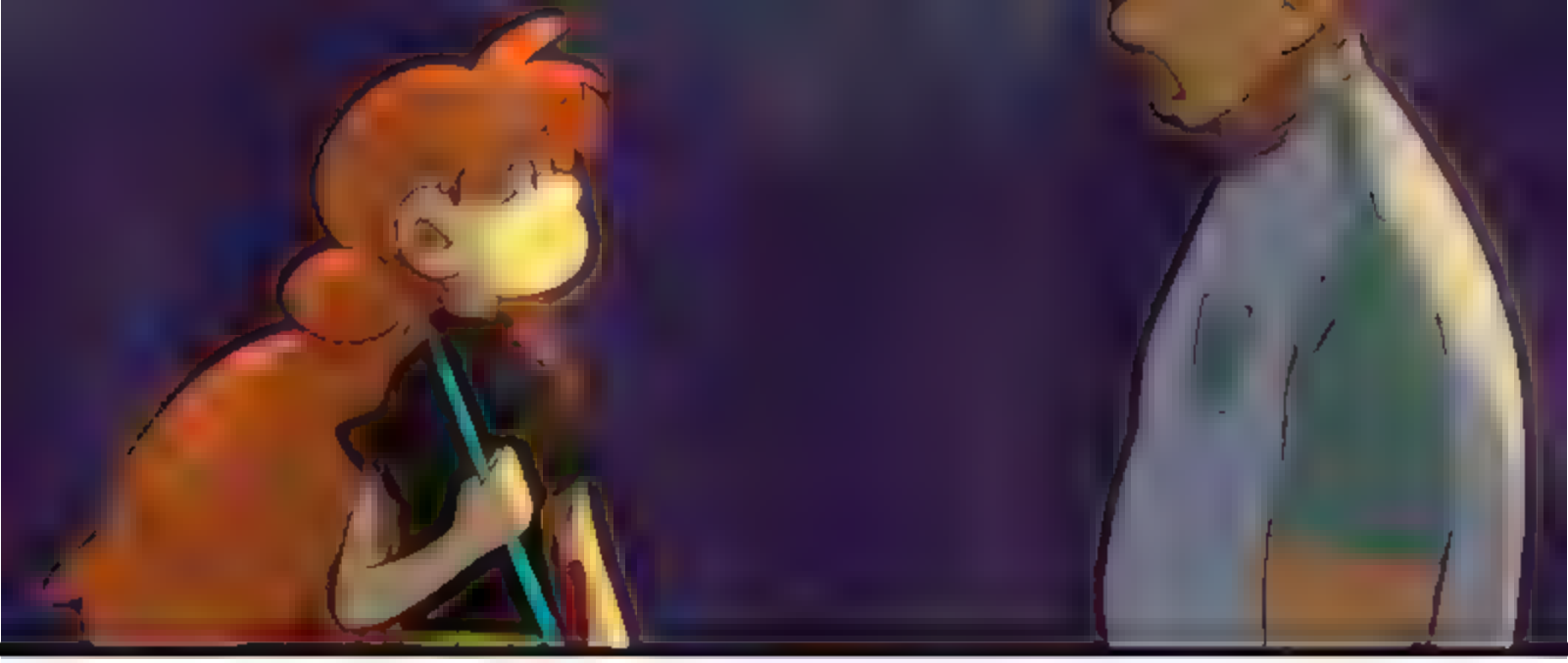
YOU LOOKED LIKE YOU HAD YOUR HANDS FULL ALREADY.

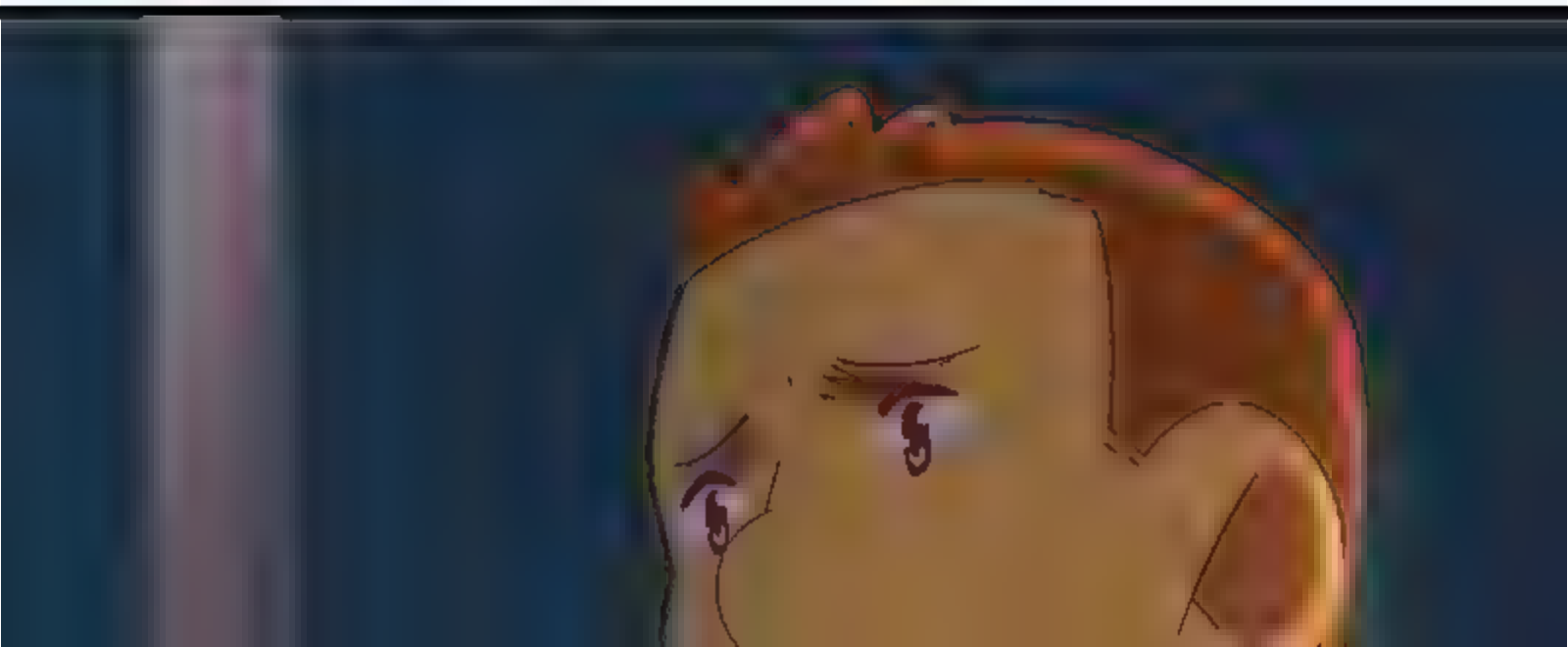
I DIDN'T WANT TO GIVE YOU ANY MORE PROBLEMS.



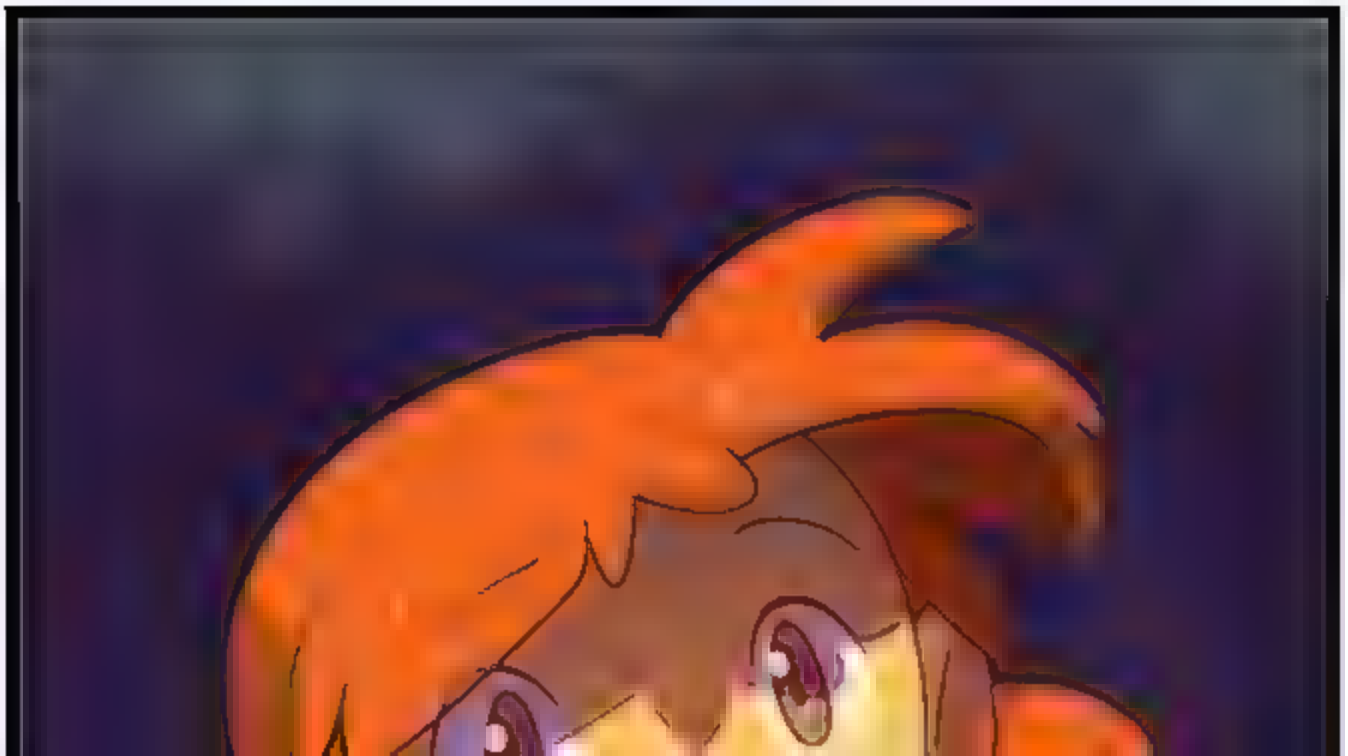
AND ALSO...
I GUESS I'M A BIT OF A COWARD.

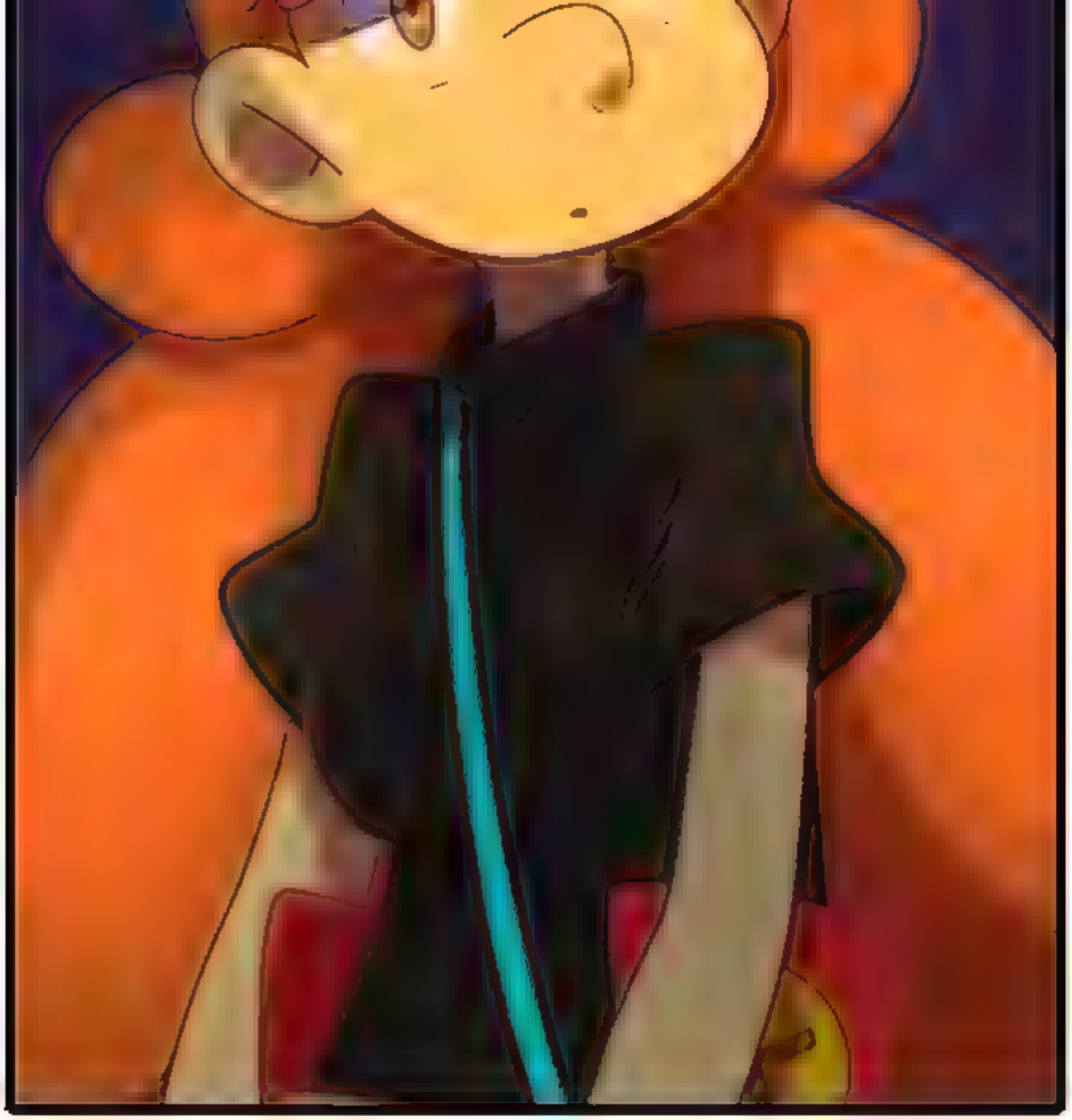






AND I'M DEEPLY SORRY...





...AND DO YOU THINK YOUR MOTHER WOULD DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT?
ALVAR SAYS IT WAS JUST A NIGHTMARE.
BECAUSE I FELL INTO THE GLOOM PIT.
BUT TO

BE HONEST, I'M NOT SO SURE.
I'M SURE SHE CARES FOR YOU.
I MEAN, SHE PROTECTED YOU FROM YOUR CRAZY FATHER AFTER ALL.
HEHE.

OH, WE'RE HERE.

WELL-

HUM...
I GUESS

I'LL GET GOING.
HUM, OK.

Kling
Kim

HEY.

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